



Love is ...

1 Corinthians 13

*Part 4*

# 15 Characteristics of genuine love ...

1. **Love is PATIENT** *"charity suffereth long"*
2. **Love is KIND** *"and is kind"*
3. **Love is NOT JEALOUS** *"charity envies not"*



“Where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice.”

  
James 3:16  




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# **“Hallel Psalms” - Psalm 113-118**

*Hallel - “boast or praise”*

Psalms about boasting, exalting & praise of God

**Hallelu / jah**

*“praise” / “Yah or Jehovah”*

*“praise the Lord”*





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“Thus says the Lord: ‘Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the Lord who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the Lord.’”

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Jeremiah 9:23-24



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  - Genuine love requires selflessness.
  - Love is first about self-denial.

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“in honor, preferring one another”

  
Romans 12:10  


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7. **Love does not allow for any caste systems in the body of Christ.**

“For in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”



Galatians 3:26-28



“When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, ... go and sit in the lowest place,”

  
 Luke 14:8-10

*heart change*